

Thirlmere Public School

3 December 2014

Term 4 – Week 9



Principal's Message

All of Stage 1 visited Sydney Aquarium on Friday, and have come back with some weird and wonderful tales. Just as importantly, the teachers have told me that their behaviour was excellent. There is a lot to say for learning on the spot, and I thank the teachers for organising this experience.

Principal's Awards

Congratulations this week to the following students:

Sarah, Thomas, Bowen, Monique, Dylan, Tristan, Kaylum, Piper, Beau (2), Emily and Jesse.

Their picture will soon be on our website.

School Captains 2015

On Monday, all our appointed Student Leaders for next year gave their Captain speeches. Yet again I was totally amazed at the confidence and innovation. If these young people are any indication, the future of our country is in very good hands. Students in Years 2-5 voted following the speeches, and the results will be announced on Presentation Day.

Queen Victoria Hospital Performance

Also on Monday, our Choir and Band performed for the aged residents at QV, one of whom was Ms Mace's Aunty Val! They looked and sounded terrific, and the visit was a great example of community partnership.

Joggers' Club

The following students have achieved "milestones": Dane, for 10km. Another picture to go on our website!

Some End Of Year Changes

Teachers have voted to have two extended staff meetings on 8th and 15th December, which means that we will have only one School Development Day after the students finish on Wednesday 17 December. **The school will be closed on Friday 19 December.**

Year 6 Chocolate Sales

Some of our senior students may have fundraiser chocolates on sale in the playground. The fundraising target is the Year 6 Farewell and gift to our school. Items are \$1 each.

A New Way of Coming and Going

A new gate has been installed along the Barbour Rd fence, giving access to our school via the rear security fence gate near the vegetable garden. This will be available each morning and afternoon, hopefully taking some of the pressure off Oaks Road. There are no parking restrictions on Barbour Rd, but please exercise care, as there is no marked crossing either.

Coming Events

4 Dec	Parent Helpers' Morning Tea
5 Dec	Gold Reward Day excursion
9 Dec	Year 6 Jamberoo trip Kindergarten Symbio excursion
10 Dec	Final Scripture & Ethics lessons for 2014
11 Dec	Year 6 Farewell
12 Dec	Presentation Day
16 Dec	Gold Medal Assembly
17 Dec	Talent Quest Last Day for Students

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The office is open from 8.30am to 3.00pm

Security Gates

Please note that the gate on Goodlet St near the bus bay will be locked between 9:15am and 2:30pm each day. Entry will still be available via the front gate on Oaks Road. This arrangement provides added security for our students.

Parent/Carer Surveys

The school is required to conduct cyclical surveys on various aspects of its operation. Results are published each year in the Annual School Report. The two surveys currently online are about Leadership and Environment. You are strongly encouraged to complete the online surveys, which should only take 2-3 minutes, by following the links below:

Leadership: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/S9YZZJR>

Environment:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com.au/VYNPVMN>

Parent Helpers' Morning Tea

If by some chance, you have contributed in some way (no matter how big or small) to the school and your invitation has been overlooked, please consider yourself invited to join us on Thursday 4 December at 11am. We would love to see you and acknowledge your valuable support.

Sporting Talent Acknowledged

Mrs Stewart and I attended the Sydney South West School Sports Association Awards Night on Monday, where our very own Mackenzie was recognized with a SSW Blue for her achievements across many sports, most notably softball, athletics, cricket and football. Needless to say both our school and her family are very proud of her.

Summer holiday fun

Book your children into one of our fun-filled camps next school holidays. Your children will be kept busy and active while learning new skills and making new friends. You'll have peace of mind knowing your children are safe and well looked after.

For details, visit Sport and Recreation website www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps/

For the Love of Science

Science is a method of engaging with, and trying to understand, the world. Professor Tim Flannery says if a child is interested in pursuing science, encourage them to develop persistence and humility – the idea that they won't always be right. Listen to the podcast:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-projects/science/science-tips/for-the-love-of-science>

Pleasures of Free Play

Allowing free time for children to play on their own, making up games and activities, can help kids to be comfortable in their own company, teach them how to cope with boredom and, importantly, foster their imagination.

Under scheduling your child:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/benefits-of-underscheduling-your-child>

Something to ponder for the first week of summer: by the time you read this there will be around 22 days until Christmas

Enjoy your week.

Stephen Lord

Gold Reward Day Final Details

Please find below the final details for **this Friday's reward day excursion**.

Movie: **Penguins of Madagascar (PG)**

Depart school: **9:30am (weather permitting)**

Return: **2:30pm – 2:45pm**

Students are required to wear full school uniform.

Bring: Hat, Recess and Lunch in a disposable bag

Awards Information

All Merit Certificates. Principals Awards and Banners should already have been handed into the office.

The Gold Medal Assembly
will be held on the
Tuesday 16th December at 9.30am

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Uniform News

As the end of the year is fast approaching, it's time to consider what uniforms you may require for the start of the new school year. Limited stock will be available to purchase through the uniform shop, but to avoid disappointment I recommend that you place an order. Orders can be left at the school office or placed at the uniform shop. Please provide a contact number on your order form so that I can let you know when your order is ready to collect.

Please remember that all payments must be cash or cheque only.

The shops opening hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8.30am to 9am and 2.30pm to 3pm.

Amanda Lee

Excursions, Notes and Payment Due Dates

Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2)

Notes Home:

School Swimming Scheme (Yr 2 Only)

Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4)

Notes Home:

School Swimming Scheme

Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6)

Notes Home:

School Swimming Scheme

Jamberoo Swim Test (Yr 6 Only)

Last Day to Pay:

Asian Banquet – Fri 5 Dec

Selected Students

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School Swimming Scheme – Mon 9 Feb 2015

**NO PAYMENTS FOR EXCURSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED
AFTER
“LAST DAY FOR PAYMENT” DATE**



please
return all
overdue
library
books!

We are starting stocktake and need all
overdue books back urgently!

Thank you to the students (and our families) who have returned their library books so we can get started on stocktake for the year.

Reminder notices were sent home last Thursday to children with outstanding books. If you are still unsure whether your child has returned their book you can call the school or email

gabrielle.gutjahr@det.nsw.edu.au.

We will be making calls to families this Thursday to ask for support in getting these last books returned or replaced.

Even though we return our books during the holidays, we do encourage you to keep reading! Visit the **Wollondilly Library** website to access their catalogue and find out when their mobile lending library visits Thirlmere. They also have some great events on over the school holidays.

<http://www.library.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au/my-library>.



CANTEEN ROSTER

TERM 4: 6TH OCTOBER TO 19TH DECEMBER 2014

Friday 5/12:	Joanna-lee Mauro, Mel Moroz, Christie Henry
Monday 8/12:	Shannon Apps, Millie Achis
Wednesday 10/12:	Linda Cernik, Sharon Browning
Friday 12/12:	Julie Bird, Simone Hinton, Louise Shannahan
Monday 15/12:	Lisa Boyce, Tammy Parker
Wednesday 17th December: CANTEEN CLOSED	

SCHOOL FINANCE & OFFICE NEWS

Payments and Excursions

All excursions and sporting events have a **last day to pay date**. Parents are asked to have payments to the office before this date, as our new system will not allow payments to be processed after the date. This will avoid any disappointment for your child.

Last Day to Pay for Stage 3 Asian Banquet is Friday 5 December 2014

**Last Day to Pay
School Swimming Scheme is Monday 9 February 2015**

Absence Notes

Please return all absence notes to office by tomorrow, Thursday 4 December 2014, as all unexplained absences will be harvested by the Department of Education on Friday 5th December and used for reporting purposes.

Band News

All band payments are now due. Payments must be made to the office by Friday 5th December 2014, so that the end of year accounts can be paid to the Tutor.

Term 4 Band

Band will run till Week 10 Monday 8 December and Tuesday 9 December. This is a 9 week program and the cost is \$135

Upcoming Band Events

- Senior students will play at the Presentation Day and Gold Medal Presentation.

Youth Banking

The last day for Youth Banking was
Wednesday 3rd December 2014.

Youth banking will resume on 4th February 2015

If you would like to join Youth Banking a representative from CBA will be at our school on Monday 2nd February 2015 between 8.45 and 9.45am to sign up students. Please note that applications can only be accepted from a Parent or Carer. Alternatively, a Sign Up Pack can be collected from the Office.

Afternoon pick-ups

As the office is closed from 3pm each weekday, we request that parents make alternative arrangements with the student before coming to school if you expect you may be delayed in the afternoon. Please confirm with your child/ren that they understand your pick-up instructions or alternatively advise the class teacher in the morning.

Partial Absences

Student who are consistently late and /or consistently leave early will be followed up by the Home School Liaison Officer who visits our school on a regular basis.

Please remember that school operates from 8.55am to 2.55pm with a teacher on duty to supervise children in the playground from 8.30am. Students are expected to attend school for then the full day, that is 8.55am to 2.55pm. There is no supervision after 3pm.



THIRLMERE PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP **PRICE LIST/ORDER FORM 2014**

ITEM	SIZES AVAILABLE	PRICE	QTY	SIZE REQ.
Wide brim hat	XS/S, S/M, M/L, L/XL	\$10		
Girls Summer dress	4,6,8,10,12,14	\$46		
Girls Winter tunic	4,6,8,10,12,14	\$44		
Polo shirt short sleeve	4,6,8,10,12,14,16,18,20,22	\$16		
Polo shirt long sleeve	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$18		
Microfibre jacket	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$34		
Zip cardigan	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$22		
Emblem jumper	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$18		
Grey cargo shorts	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$17		
Girls skorts	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$20		
Sport shorts	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$16		
Sports shirt short sleeve	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$20		
Microfibre track pants	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$24		
Fleecy track pants (with cuff)	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$17		
Fleecy trackpants (straight leg)	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$17		
Grey trousers	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$18		
Girls bootleg pants	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$19		
Girls dress pant	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$22		
Skivvy	4,6,8,10,12	\$10		
Tights	4-6yrs, 7-10yrs, 11-14yrs	\$10		
Polar fleece scarf	One size	\$5		
Ankle socks (pack 5)	9-12, 13-3, 2-8 grey or white	\$15		
Art smock	One size	\$13		
Football socks	9-2, 2-7, 7-10	\$10		
School badge		\$10		
Excursion Bag & Drink Bottle	Sold as a set ONLY	\$12		
		TOTAL	\$	

Childs Name _____ Year/Class _____

Contact Name _____ Contact No: _____

Please tick option for collection: *Payment options are cash/cheque*

I will collect from school ☐

Please deliver to my child's class ☐

I will collect from the uniform shop ☐

125th MEMORABILIA ORDER FORM

LIMITED QUANTITIES

ORDER WILL BE SENT HOME WITH STUDENT WITHIN FEW DAYS

Student: _____

Class: _____

	Cook Book \$15	Qty
	Black Cotton or Calico Bag \$6	Qty Black – Now In Stock Qty Calico
	Pen \$2	Qty
	Tea Towel \$10	Qty
	Waterbottle \$6	Qty
	Excursion bag & Waterbottle Set \$12 To be purchased through Uniform Shop	Qty
	125 th Book Includes pictures of all current students and our schools history – focussing on last 25 years \$20	Qty
	Total \$	Total

You can view all above items in the school office.

Payment by cash only until further notice to the school office.

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School Newsletter

Thirlmere Public School now deliver our newsletter by Email each week.

In the space provided below, please indicate the email address/es you wish to use to receive the newsletter.

The newsletter is also available to view on our school website:

www.thirlmere-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Student Name: Class:

1st Parent/Guardian Email :

2nd Parent/Guardian Email :

3rd Parent/Guardian Email :

No paper copies will be issued.

Extra School Reports

In some households there is a need for a second report to be sent to another parent not permanently residing with the student.

Reports go home at the end of Semester One and Semester Two.

If you require a second report, please provide us with the following details.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Relationship: _____

Email address: _____

If you have any updated Court Orders/AVO's that you have not provided to the school yet, could you please arrange a copy as soon as possible.

We also require you to advise the ladies in the office if the structure at home has changed so that we can update our records accordingly.

**PATRICIA YVONNE
ACADEMY OF DANCE,
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The Beach Bus is a hop on, hop off bus service for all ages running every Friday in January. Running from Warragamba to Wilton to Wollongong North Beach, there will be a pick up at a bus stop near you.

For more information contact Council on 4677 8243 or youth@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au.

Please note that this is an unsupervised bus service. There will be NO ADULT SUPERVISION ON THE BUS OR THE BEACH and no responsibility will be taken for people who miss their scheduled departure time. Children 13 years and under must be accompanied by an adult.



COMING TO YOU ON:

Friday 2nd January - Friday 9th January
Friday 16th January - Friday 23rd January

GETTING THERE

Warragamba - Weir St (Neighbourhood Centre)	7:00am
The Oaks - John St (opposite Post Office)	7:25am
Bargo - Noongah St** (opposite Railway Station)	7:55am
Tahmoor - Remembrance Dve (outside KFC)	8:05am
Thirlmere - Thirlmere Way (double bus sheds north of roundabout)	8:10am
Redbank - outside Grove's Funeral Parlour	8:15am
Picton - Shire Hall	8:20am
Douglas Park - outside shop	8:40am
Wilton - outside Wilton Shops	9:00am
Arrives at Wollongong North Beach	9.45am

COMING HOME*

Pick up from Wollongong North Beach	2:25pm
Arrives at:	
Wilton - outside Wilton Shops	3:10pm
Douglas Park - outside shop	3:30pm
Picton - St Anthonys	3:50pm
Redbank - opposite Grove's Funeral Parlour	3:55pm
Thirlmere - Thirlmere Way (double bus sheds north of the roundabout)	4:00pm
Tahmoor - opposite KFC	4:05pm
Bargo - Noongah St** (opposite railway station)	4:15pm
The Oaks - outside Post Office	4:45pm
Warragamba - Weir St (Neighbourhood Centre)	5:10pm

* There is only one pick up time from Wollongong Beach in the afternoon. If you miss this pick up you must find your own way home.

Please note that this is an unsupervised bus service. There will be NO ADULT SUPERVISION ON THE BUS OR AT THE BEACH and no responsibility will be taken for people who miss their scheduled departure time. Children 13 years and under must be accompanied by an adult.

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SUMMER PROGRAM

WOLLONDILLY VACATION CARE

66 Menangle Street, Picton

Thursday 18 December – Tuesday 23 December 2014
Monday 5 January – Tuesday 27 January 2015

Thursday 18/12/14	Friday 19/12/14	Monday 22/12/14	Tuesday 23/12/14	Wednesday 24/12/14
Christmas Craft  Hot Chocolate Spoons	Peppermint Crunch/Milk Chocolate Chip Cookies  Peppermint Crunch/Milk Chocolate Chip Cookies	Make your own snow Make a Snow Flake  Cooking Jelly Belly Biscuits	Balloon Christmas Candle Holder  Make a Sweet Christmas Tree	Closed
Monday 5/1/15	Tuesday 6/1/15	Wednesday 7/1/15	Thursday 8/1/15	Friday 9/1/15
Balloon Modelling  Slip and slide across the back yard	Shell Jewellery  Rainbow Bubble Snake	Plaster Casting  Make sponge balls for water games	Sausage Sizzle  3D Lizard	Sand Castle Competition Make a Beach Wall Hanging 
Monday 12/1/15	Tuesday 13/1/15	Wednesday 14/1/15	Thursday 15/1/15	Friday 16/1/15
Make a musical instrument  Make a Rainbow Wind Mobile	Make a straw Pan Flute  Make a bouncy ball	Incursion: Mick Conway 'Music with Almost Anything'  Make a Paper Mache Mixed Media Heart	Match Box Pets  Make Fruity Yogurt Pops	Talent Quest  Design and cover a headband
Monday 19/1/15	Tuesday 20/1/15	Wednesday 21/1/15	Thursday 22/1/15	Friday 23/1/15
Start an Australian picture on large canvas  Make a Clay Echidna	Aussie Sand Art  Fruit Carton Abstract Art Work	Make a Digger's Slouch Hat  Milk Bottle Mask	Incursion: The Reptile Man  Make an Egg Carton Crocodile	Come dressed as an Aussie celebrity Make an Australian Diorama 
Monday 26/1/15	Tuesday 27/1/15	Please remember to pack a towel and a change of clothes each day!		
Australia Day Public Holiday	PJ Party Pillow fights, sock wrestling, movies, music, popcorn and ice cream			

Bookings Call: 4677 8202 after 9:00am on Tuesday 25 November 2014
(Note: 30 places available per day)

All care must be pre-booked. **ALL BOOKED CARE MUST BE PAID FOR.** The service will bill you before the program for the booked care.

Childcare Benefit and/or Child Care Rebate fee reductions are available to all families.

Applications via Centrelink. **Call: 13 61 50.**

The Vacation Care Program operates between the hours of **7:00am and 7:00pm** on the days indicated on the above program. Additional activities including art, craft, sports, drama and just plain fun are offered on a daily basis.

Full Fee without Childcare Benefit: \$40.00 per day per child
(all activities, including incursions/excursions, are included in this fee).
A booking fee of \$6.00 per family also applies.

Program subject to change

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